

Starting on November 1, 2012 drug disposal kiosks will be located at several district stations. Residents can drop off their unused old prescription medication 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Police Commissioner Ed Davis said, "These kiosks provide an anonymous, safe and environmentally-friendly solution for the proper disposal of unused/expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medication. Business or commercial medicine disposal is *not* allowed at the District Stations.

Residents should have the medication in its original containers, with any names or prescription numbers erased, if possible. The following districts will have kiosks.

District A-1: 40 New Sudbury St., Boston, MA 02114

District A-7: 69 Paris St., East Boston, MA 02128

District B-2: 2400 Washington St., Roxbury, MA 02119

District B-3: 1165 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, MA 02124

District C-6: 101 West Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127

District C-11: 40 Gibson Street, Dorchester, MA 02122

District D-4: 650 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02116

District D-14: 301 Washington St., Brighton, MA 02135

District E-5: 1708 Centre St., West Roxbury, MA 02132

District E-13: 3345 Washington St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

District E-18: 1249 Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park, MA 02136

This initiative is an effort to ensure the proper disposal of expired or unused medication that has the potential to be abused or harmful to the environment. Many people are not aware that expired and unused medicines are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the United States are increasing at alarming rates and studies show that a majority of abused prescription medication are obtained from family and friends. This program is to assist individuals in restricting access to harmful prescription narcotics and also provides an opportunity to safely dispose of these hazardous materials by keeping them out of the water supply. Too often individuals dispose of such medication by flushing and therefore potentially exposing them to the water supply.

